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Harland Wood, Esq.
American Numismatic Society
Broadway and 156th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Wood:

May I trouble you about a small matter?

An old friend of mine who like the rest of us, has fallen on evil times, has a lot of coins and wishes to dispose of them for what he can get. They include a wide variety. A box before me contains Turkish gold and silver coins of about a hundred to a hundred and twenty-five years ago. He has a box full of Roman silver coins and also many European of, I think, the eighteenth century. I don't think that any of them have Museum value, but perhaps you might know of some dealer who would be willing to buy them at a reasonable figure.

Apologizing for troubling you,

Yours sincerely,

Charles H. Hawes

Associate Director.

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Mr. Charles H. Hawes
Associate Director
Museum of Fine Arts
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Hawes:

Unfortunately very few dealers are buying coins outright unless they can get them cheap, as most of them have more coins than they can sell. Coins sell fairly well at auction. The two dealers I would recommend to sell them at auction are The Elder Coin and Curio Company, 8 West 37th Street, New York City and M. H. Bolender, Orangeville, Illinois. I do not however have to tell you that this is a gamble and would take several months before your friend could receive any returns. We might possibly be interested in a few of the Turkish gold and silver coins and possibly a few of the Roman silver. The only dealer I know of in Boston is John F. LeBlanc, 110 Tremont Street. I doubt if he could give very much for these as he has not a large business and probably has not the facilities for disposing of them to advantage. If you wish any further advice do not hesitate to call upon me.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator